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Mr. Robert B. Holtz
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Dear Mr. Holtz:

The Aviation Week and Space Technology for September 13th in the Washington Roundup section made reference to alleged manipulation of intelligence produced by the Central Intelligence Agency. It is regrettable that you had made no attempt to give us an opportunity to comment on the relevant portion of your report which impugns the integrity of the national foreign intelligence production process, of Secretary Kissinger, of myself as the President's chief intelligence adviser, and most important, of all the intelligence professionals who serve this country.

Specifically: I have never received nor would I ever entertain a suggestion, from whatever source and for whatever reason, to slant the intelligence product. I would never consider abusing my authority as Director of Central Intelligence for the purpose of manipulating results of professional analysis of intelligence data. I have complete confidence that CIA and Intelligence Community analysts working on this type study would resign before they would do what your article suggests.

In one short article, Secretary Kissinger, CIA analysts and, by inference, myself, have been maliciously slandered. I hope you will try to partially correct the damage by printing this letter.

Sincerely,



George Bush
Director

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Specifically: I have never received nor would I ever entertain a suggestion, from whatever source and for whatever reason, to slant the intelligence product. I have never abused nor would I ever consider abusing my authority as Director of Central Intelligence for the purpose of manipulating results of professional analysis of intelligence data. These assertions in your report, as well as your allegations concerning manipulation of basic data, are totally untrue and without foundation in fact.

I am confident that you will give emphatic prominence to this statement in order to reduce in some measure the

damage already caused by the publication and the re-publication of these false charges.

Sincerely,

George Bush